

# Riverside-Normal City Local District Survey

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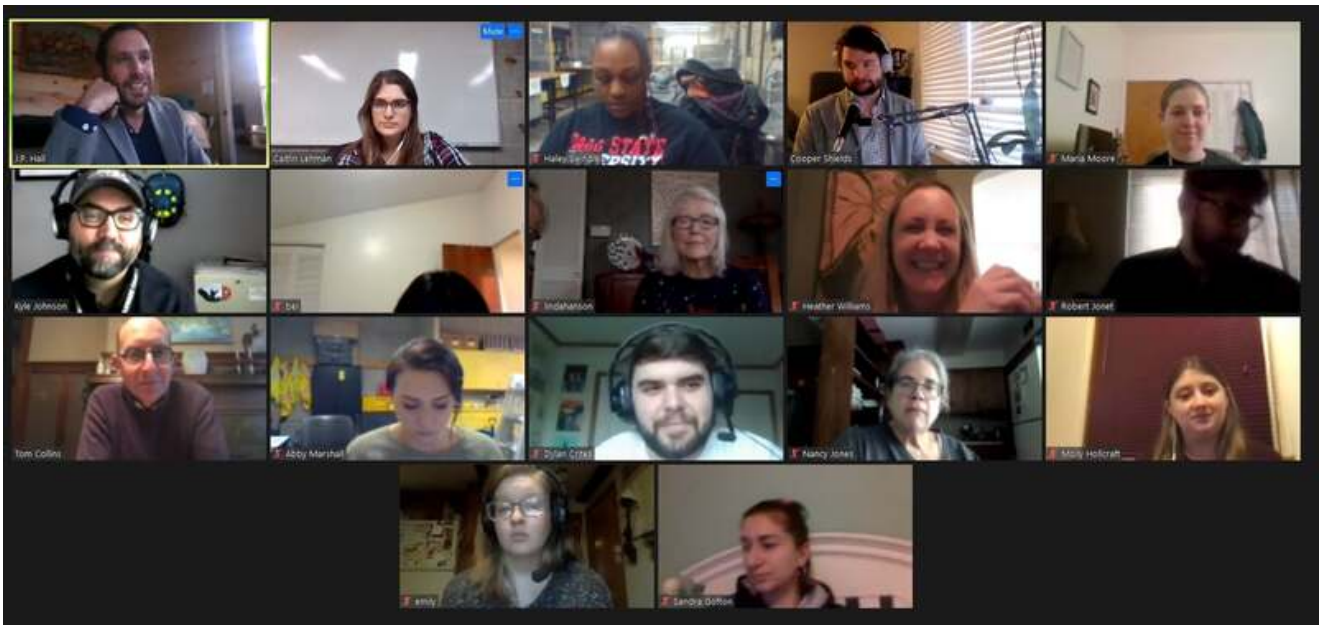
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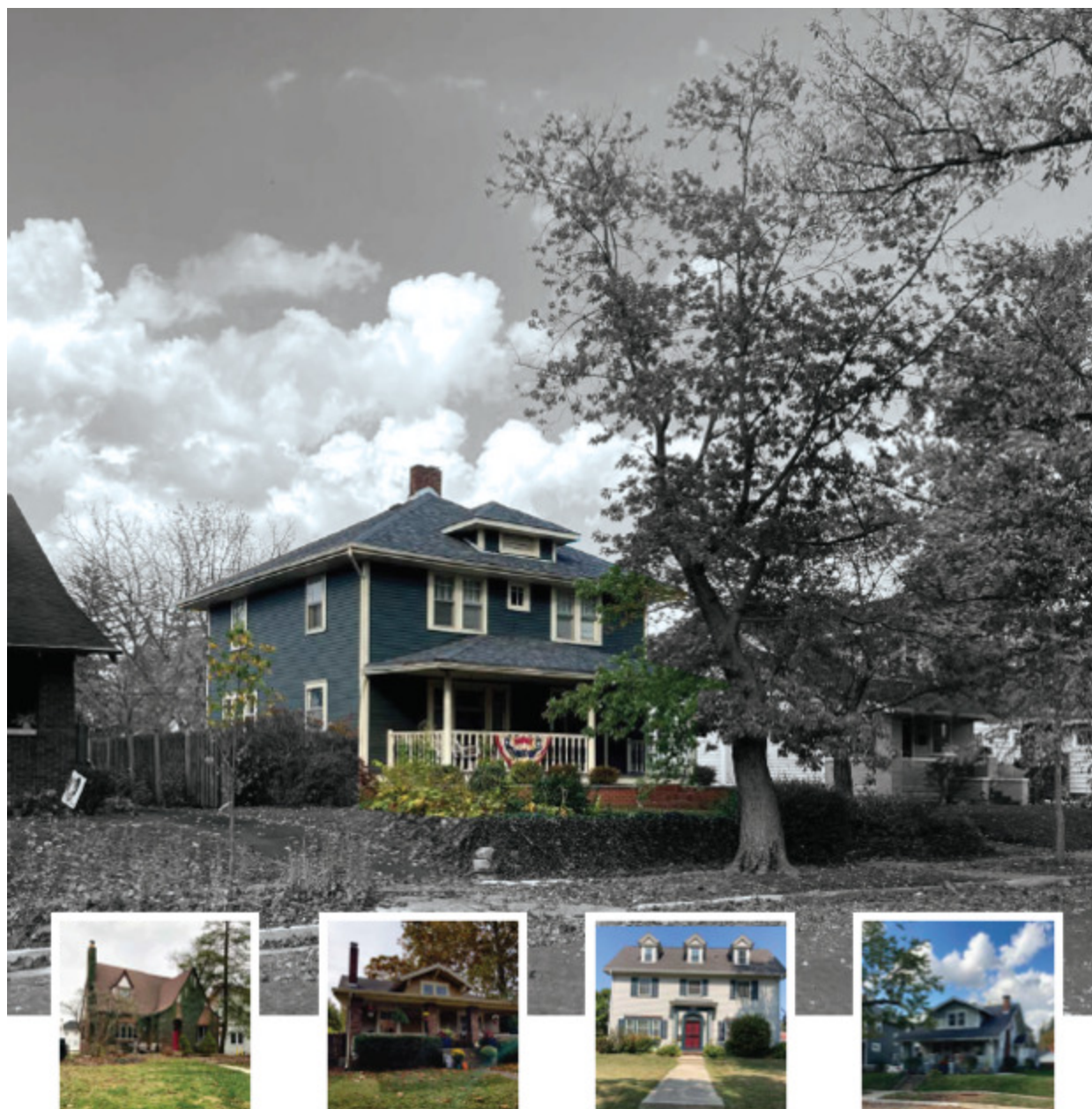
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### Comprehensive Survey

December 2020

Internal Rating: Notable

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The document also includes several recommendations, most of the recommendations deal with individual properties. Five individual properties were found to have the potential to be eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places as individual properties, these would require further research an investigation to further determine eligibility.

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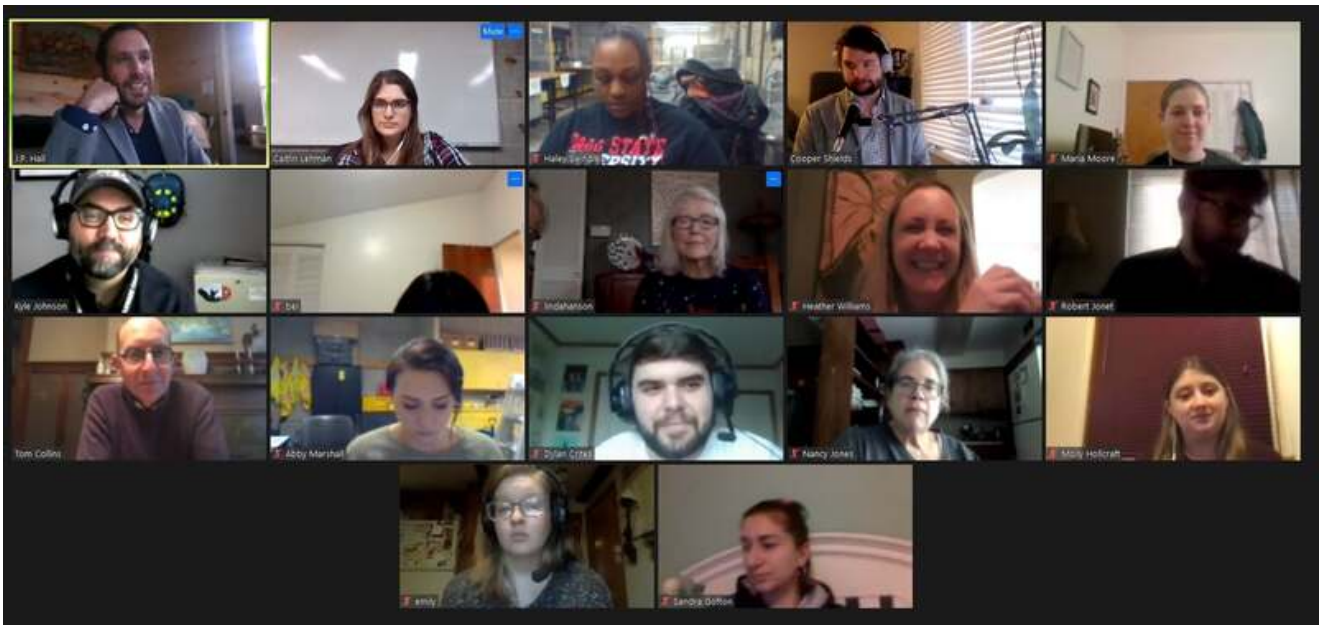
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